

I claim:

1. An adjustable tool comprising:

a tool head configured for doing at least one particular task;

a handle; and

an internally-positioned adjustment mechanism adjustably connecting the tool head to

5 the handle, the adjustment mechanism being configured to support selective angular adjustment of the tool head relative to the handle between at least two different use positions and to hold the tool head in a selected one of said two different use positions.

2. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the handle includes an outer surface defining a geometric shape, and wherein the internal adjustment mechanism includes a latch member located within the geometric shape.

3. The adjustable tool defined in claim 2, wherein the handle has a transverse cross section that generally defines a circle, and wherein the releasable latch member has a contoured outer surface, at least part of the contoured outer surface lying inward from the circle to reduce a likelihood of inadvertent release of the latch member.

4. The adjustable tool defined in claim 2, including a cover that covers the latch member to prevent dirt and debris from entering an area around the latch member.

5. The adjustable tool defined in claim 4, wherein the cover encloses and covers a majority of the handle.

6. The adjustable tool defined in claim 4, wherein the latch member includes a button that is depressible through the cover and movable between a release position and a latched position.

7. The adjustable tool defined in claim 6, wherein the latch member includes first teeth that operably engage mating teeth on the tool head for holding the selected use position.

8. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, including a cover that encases a majority of the handle including the adjustment mechanism to prevent dirt and debris from entering an area around the adjustment mechanism.
9. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the adjustment mechanism includes first teeth that operably engage mating teeth on one of the tool head and the handle for holding the selected use position.
10. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the tool head has a blade section with a narrowed end and shovel shape, for making the tool useful as a trowel.
11. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the tool head has a blade section with indicia thereon indicating a depth dimension from an end of the bladed section, for making the tool head useful as a bulb planter and transplanter.
12. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the tool head has multiple tines forming a fork.
13. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the adjustment mechanism includes a button operably supported on the handle for movement between a released position for permitting adjustment of the tool head on the handle, and a latched position for holding the selected one use position.
14. The adjustable tool defined in claim 13, wherein the handle includes a recess, and the button is positioned in the recess and is actuable while holding the handle.
15. The adjustable tool defined in claim 13, wherein the tool head and handle include overlapping flanges that are pivotally connected, at least one of the flanges including first teeth, and wherein the button includes latching teeth operably engaging the first teeth, when in the latched position, for holding the selected one use position.

16. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, including a plurality of additional tool heads, each having a particular shape and being configured to do different tasks than the other tool heads.

17. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the handle includes a raised area toward the tool head that creates a place to focus hand and finger pressure to resist slippage of the user's hand when the tool head meets resistance.

18. The adjustable tool defined in claim 1, wherein the different use positions include at least three discrete angled positions of the tool head on the handle, and wherein the adjustment mechanism is constructed to select and hold any one of the at least three discrete angled positions.

19. A garden hand tool comprising:

an elongated handle adapted to receive a user's hand; and

a tool head extending substantially in-line with the handle and connected to the handle, the tool head having an active surface shaped for effective use and also having a back surface, the handle defining a direction extending at an angle of at least about 15° away from the active surface toward the back surface to promote an ergonomic wrist position when using the tool.

20. The garden hand tool defined in claim 19, wherein the handle is adjustably attached to the tool head and including an adjustment mechanism for controlling and fixing an angle between the handle and the tool head.

21. The garden hand tool defined in claim 20, wherein the handle includes an outer surface defining a geometric shape, and wherein the adjustment mechanism is internal and includes a latch member located within the geometric shape.

22. The garden hand tool defined in claim 20, including a cover that encases a portion of the handle including the adjustment mechanism to prevent dirt and debris from entering an area around the adjustment mechanism.

23. The garden hand tool defined in claim 20, wherein the adjustment mechanism includes first teeth that operably engage mating teeth on one of the tool heads for holding the selected use position.

24. The garden hand tool defined in claim 19, wherein the tool head has a blade section with a narrowed end and shovel shape, for making the tool useful as a trowel.

25. The garden hand tool defined in claim 19, wherein the tool head having indicia thereon indicating a depth dimension from an end of the bladed section, for making the tool head useful as a bulb planter and transplanter.

26. The garden hand tool defined in claim 19, wherein the tool head has multiple tines forming a fork.

27. An adjustable tool comprising:

a tool head;

a handle adjustably connected to the tool head, the handle including a recess adapted to ergonomically receive and support a user's thumb and fingers so that pressure can be readily communicated through the handle to the tool head while using the tool; and

a release button movable between a released position and a latched position for fixing the tool head to the handle in a selected adjusted position, the release button being located near the recess where the release button is easily operated by the user to adjust the tool head.

28. The adjustable tool defined in claim 27, wherein the handle is pivotally connected to the tool head.

29. The adjustable tool defined in claim 27, including a spring biasing the button toward the latched position.

30. The adjustable tool defined in claim 27, wherein the button and the tool head include mating teeth defining a plurality of discrete positions of angular adjustment.

31. The adjustable tool defined in claim 27, including a cover that covers a portion of the handle including an area of the button.

32. The adjustable tool defined in claim 27, wherein the recess defines an annular ring, and wherein the button includes an outer surface recessed from a bottom of the annular ring to form a clearance to reduce a likelihood of inadvertent depression of the button.

33. An adjustable tool comprising:

a tool head;

a handle adjustably connected to the tool head;

the tool head being adjustable, at least, between a first position where the tool head

5 extends generally parallel to the handle but is offset laterally from being directly in line with the handle, and a second position where the tool head extends at an angle to the handle but is supported generally in line with the handle, whereby when the tool head is in the first position is usable in a forward motion to dig into and lift, and when in the second position is usable in a pulling motion to scratch and claw.

34. The tool defined in claim 33, wherein the tool head includes a plurality of tines.

35. The tool defined in claim 33, including an adjustment mechanism that is fully contained and protected within the tool and provides adjustment of the tool head to the handle.